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1. Thirty Soviets who arrived in Canton between 1 and 6 May 1950 were lodged at the Oi Kwan Hotel as guests of the Military Control Commission (MCC). The hotel is serving as an air command post, and all guests other than MCC members were ordered to evacuate.
2. Five Soviets who arrived in Canton on 2 May 1950 were assigned to Whampoa to supervise the amphibious training of 300 Chinese seamen, and the construction of small water craft ranging in size from 80 to 100 tons. Ten vessels of this type have been completed.
3. A military section of the South China Bureau has been established in the White Cloud Hotel, The Bund, Canton. It is headed by CH'IAO Chang-feng (僑彭鳳), with liaison officers and Soviet advisers, and its functions include intelligence and operations.
4. The better houses near Lingnan University have been requisitioned for the use of Soviets who are expected to arrive in Canton in May 1950.
5. Repairs at White Cloud Airfield were being accelerated during the first week of May 1950. On 7 May 20 large crates of airplane parts arrived in Canton by rail and were moved to White Cloud Airfield.\*

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